



Great Falls Discovery Center

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Fourth of July holiday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING,
JULY 12—26

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT — MONTAGUE PARKS & RECREATION YOUNG ARTIST WEEK

The Montague Parks & Recreation Summer Camp 2023 celebrates Young Artist Week, bringing their art to the Great Hall. Enjoy works created by children ages 5-12 that focus on local wildlife.

ONGOING,
JULY 1—
AUGUST 8

STORYWALK®—MOLE MUSIC

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the center's grounds for a free self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book *Mole Music* by David McPhail, for readers ages 4-7 and everyone who dreams of being a musician and changing the world. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route.

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

SATURDAY,
JULY 1

ANTENNA CLOUD FARM MUSIC WALK All Day Music Festival

The Antenna Cloud Farm Music Walk is a village-wide festival showcasing an array of innovative and virtuosic local artists, celebrating local businesses and public spaces. Performances take place at parks all over town. Join DCR staff at 2:00 p.m. at Unity Park for live music, family-friendly activities, and a kids' costume parade making its way to including the Great Falls Discovery Center. At 3:00 p.m., Travis Laplante plays hypnotic and innovative solo saxophone music outside Great Falls Discovery Center. Take a moment to read our outdoor StoryWalk®, *Mole Music* by David McPhail. Then, the music walk continues to the next stop. All performances and events are wheelchair accessible, open to all, and free, with suggested donations going to the [Nolumbeka Project](#) in support of the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival. The festival is supported by [Greenfield Co-operative Bank](#), [RiverCulture](#), [New England Public Media \(NEPM\)](#), and [Mass Cultural Council](#). For more details, please visit: antennacloudfarm.com/2023-music-walk.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

coming events



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SATURDAY,
JULY 1

ACF MUSIC WALK: MUSICAL FUN FOR KIDS & SIDEWALK COSTUME PARADE

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Start the Antenna Cloud Farm Music Walk Festival at Unity Park at 2 p.m. with live music and family-friendly art-making, and then join in the parade at 2:45 p.m. Stroll along with musicians and DCR park staff for a children's sidewalk costume parade along 2nd Street to the Great Falls Discovery Center. Make music while you walk! Instruments provided. Then, at 3 p.m. enjoy outdoor music at the center with Saxophonist Travis Laplante, and enjoy our StoryWalk® *Mole Music* by David McPhail.

WEDNESDAYS,
JULY 5, 12,
19, & 26

NICE & EASY WALKS, 10:00—11:00 a.m., Main Entrance

An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Join others seeking fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights natural and local history along the way. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy footwear and bring water. Meet outside the main entrance.

SUNDAY,
JULY 16

FRIDAYS,
JULY 7, 14,
21, & 28

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

7/7: **Eagles**; 7/14: **Bobcats**; 7/21: **Snakes**; 7/28: **Rabbits**, 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors who share our home. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.

SATURDAY,
JULY 8

LIVE BIRDS OF PREY WITH TOM RICARDI 2:00—3:00 p.m., Great Hall

Free. For all ages. Meet raptors up close and personal! Gather in the Great Hall for birds of prey, presented by Tom Ricardi, a licensed rehabilitator and wildlife biologist. Tom provides an educational presentation on their lives and habitats as well as conservation. You may see vultures, falcons, owls, and hawks!

SATURDAY,
JULY 15

ART NATURALLY SERIES 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall

Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of free Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All art materials provided.